Clearance of the projects by NER

1373. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is delay in clearing of the projects submitted by the North Eastern States under NLCPR to the DoNER affect the projects at the implementation State:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to remove the bureaucratic red tapism to ensure speedy clearance of the schemes submitted by the North Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) Delay is not caused in clearing projects submitted by the North Eastern State under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. However, some delay is caused by State Governments in submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and also in submission of revised DPRs after the expert comments of relevant Central Ministries, on the original DPRs, are conveyed to them. In order to facilitate early clearance of projects we keep on pursuing with the concerned State Governments for early submission of DPRs/Revised DPRs.

Projects for NER

1374. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects relating to North-Eastern States excluding Assam, which have been lying pending for last two years;

(b) the time by which the amount for these projects would be released;

(c) the reasons for delay;

(d) whether is it fact that Government fail to attain desired achievement and development of North Eastern Region even after creation of new Ministry;

(e) if not, the comparative study thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) For the North Eastern States excluding Assam, four (4) projects under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and twenty (20) projects under the North Eastern Council (NEC) schemes

are under process for sanction for last two years {Detailed Project Reports (DPR) received from States before 28.02.2004}

(b) and (c) Under NLCPR projects delay has been caused due to late/ non submission of revised DPRs/clarifications on expert comments of subject matter Central Ministries on the original DPRs by the State Governments. The funds in these projects would be released on their sanction, which depends on quick submission of revised DPRs with proper clarification of the comments of subject matter Central Ministries by the State governments.

In case of NEC projects, prior consultations with Planning Commission and respective Line Ministries of Government of India are made before the projects are considered for Standing Finance Committee (SFC)/ Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) clearance and formal approval by the competent authority. In these cases also the State Government/ Implementing Agencies take time to furnish comment on queries which delays sanction of projects.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Department of Development of North Eastern Region was created in September 2001 (later upgraded to Ministry on 27.05.2004). Since then, apart from the projects sanctioned under NEC schemes, three hundred seventy seven (377) project costing Rs. 3043 06 crore have been sanctioned under NLCPR alone for the development of North Eastern Region including Sikkim.

Special Area Game Complex in NER

1375. SHRI URKHAO GWARA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Special Area Game Complex in the North Eastern Region, funded by his Ministry, State-wise;

(b) the list of already completed and incomplete SAG Complex, State-wise; and

(c) the targeted year of completion of incomplete projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, there are six Special Area Games (SAG)